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IMMEDIATE VIENTIANE

1. AS YOU DOUBTLESS AWARE, SOME ELEMENTS OF PRESS REPORTING THAT LONG TIENG HAS FALLEN (ON 12 FEB.). DIA ISSUED SPOT REPORT AT 1900 EST 12 FEB. THAT WILL DO LITTLE TO ASSUAGE TWITCHING WASHINGTON NERVES SINCE IT SAYS QUOTE WHILE GENERAL VANG PAO'S FORCES IN THE SAM THONG - LONG TIENG COMPLEX HAVE BEEN UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE, DATT VIENTIANE HAS ADVISED THAT COMPLEX WAS STILL IN FRIENDLY HANDS AS OF 1816 EST 12 FEB. UNQUOTE.

2. REGRET ADDING TO YOUR BURDENS, BUT COULD WE PLEASE HAVE ASAP A BRIEF RESUME OF LONG TIENG SITUATION AND IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS SUFFICIENT TO PUT SUCH SCARE STORIES IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. MANY THANKS.

END OF MESSAGE

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